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Programme of meetings and agenda

Thursday, 3 March 2011

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6493rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

Letter dated 11 February 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2011/74)

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Côte d'Ivoire

Sudan

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6493rd meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

Informal consultations on the review of the implementation of resolution 61/16 of the General Assembly, on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, will take place on Monday, 7 March 2011, in Conference Room 1 (NLB), in the afternoon, immediately following the adjournment of the formal plenary meeting. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 February 2011, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Second session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms . . . . . [3]

3 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Statements by non-governmental organizations and civil society

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms . . . . . [3]

[Background information and the list of side events on the occasion of the second session of the Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/ATTPrepCom/>.]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the informal meeting.

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

10–11 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Mission in the Sudan
2. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

Continuation and conclusion of general debate

2. Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters . . . . . [3 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions E/CN.6/2011/L.1, E/CN.6/2011/L.2 and E/CN.6/2011/L.3

3. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions (E/CN.6/2011/10 and E/CN/2011/11) . . . . . [5]

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Filippo Cinti (Italy), on agreed conclusions under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work)

[Background information and the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission can be consulted at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/55sess.htm>.]

Commission on Sustainable Development
Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 7th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation (E/CN.17/2011/12). [2]

(e) A 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/2011/8)

Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General

Panel presentations

Interactive discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation (E/CN.17/2011/12). [2]

Interlinkages and cross-cutting issues (E/CN.17/2011/3)

Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General

Panel presentations

Interactive discussion

[Further information on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, including the proposed organization of work, is available at <www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd19_ipm.shtml>. Information on major groups participation to the session can be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_mg/mg_index.shtml>.]

[Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room IN-628B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2011 regular session

3–6 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Adoption of the report of the Committee . . . . . [10]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, DESA <www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo>. Members of the Committee can access the on line Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

High-level Committee on Programmes
Twenty-first session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

2.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Fifth session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 3 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-fifth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming gender equality and empowerment of women in climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and disaster reduction", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, will be held *today*, 3 March 2011, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

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Thursday, 3 March 2011

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

Group of 77 (on matters related to the Economic and Social Council)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

JUSCANZ Group (on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting of the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development)

9–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the role of mediation in conflict prevention and resolution" (under agenda item 33 of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (Prevention of armed conflict)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Turkey, on behalf of the Group of Friends of Mediation)

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Permanent Mission of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 222)

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Briefing on "The humanitarian situation in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya" (by the Deputy Director, Coordination and Response Division, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); the Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); and the Permanent Observer of the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

At 1.30 p.m., at the OCHA Office, in Conference Room 1 (380 Madison Avenue, 6th Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodriguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 3 March 2011

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 25th meeting, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the management capacity of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/65/705), under agenda item 51, on Thursday, 24 March 2011, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-fifth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 7 March 2011, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation is contained in document A/C.5/65/L.26.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee on the outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as follows:

Friday, 4 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Monday, 7 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB);

Tuesday, 8 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB);

Monday, 14 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB);

Wednesday, 16 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Thursday, 17 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB); and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2011 substantive session

The next meeting of the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will be held on Monday, 7 March 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Web site

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at <www.c34.unlb.org/>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Any Member State or observer wishing to be included in the Committee mailing list is kindly requested to send also an e-mail to Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (alejandrino@un.org).

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee that will attend the session and wish to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Maria Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4422; room IN-603A or NL-1033D; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Second session

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 7, and Tuesday, 8 March 2011, following the conclusion of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.216/PC/6.

Additional information on the session and on the preparatory process for UNCSD 2012 (Rio+20) can be found at <www.uncsd2012.org>.

Delegations wishing to attend are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner (e-mail pliner@un.org; room IN-628B; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the twelfth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Wednesday, 9 March 2011, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The draft format and draft agenda of the twelfth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and will be posted on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-first session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-first session at Headquarters from Monday, 6, to Friday, 24 June 2011.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 20 May 2011*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248 of the Assembly. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Trusteeship Council

Sixty-eighth session

The Trusteeship Council will hold its 1713th meeting on Monday, 7 March 2011, from 3 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), to elect the President and Vice-President of the Council.

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JUSCANZ Group (on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting of the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development)

Friday, 4 March 2011, from 9 to 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 4 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Day of Friendship" (under agenda item 15 of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (Culture of peace)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Paraguay)

Thursday, 10 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Briefing on "Graduation of least developed countries and smooth transition" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Maldives, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Thursday, 10 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 31 Mars 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

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Special events on the occasion of the International Women's Day (8 March)

Panel discussion on "Equal representation of women: What does it mean to you? (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

Monday, 7 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cynthia Gale, UN-Women (e-mail cynthia.gale@unwomen.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8881).]

2011 Forum on "Investing in women and entrepreneurship: Solutions to addressing MDG 3" (co-organized by the Business Civic Leadership Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP))

Tuesday, 8 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register and for further information, please contact Ms. Lucie Brigham, UNOP (e-mail brigham@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1000).]

UNITAR Workshop on Elections to United Nations Organs

Tuesday, 8 March 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and

Wednesday, 9 March 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/new-york>. For queries related to registration and fellowship, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail info@unitarny.org/falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196). For queries related to the programme of the course, please contact Mr. Olivier Portoff, UNITAR (e-mail olivier.portoff@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Briefing on "Tackling the vulnerability of LDCs: A priority for the Programme of Action of the Istanbul Conference" (co-organized by FERDI (Fondation pour les études et recherches sur le développement international) and the Permanent Mission of France, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Nepal)

Wednesday, 9 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Julie Morizet, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail julie.morizet@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (646) 839-6663).]

Presentation of the UNEP report entitled "Bilateral Finance Institutions and Climate Change — A Mapping of Climate Financial Flows to Developing Countries" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of France, Germany and Japan, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))

Wednesday, 9 March 2011, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Matthieu Discour, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (212) 702-4944); Mr. Andreas Pfaffernoschke, Permanent Mission of Germany (tel. 1 (212) 940-0448); Mr. Nozomu Yamashita, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1522); or Mr. Munyaradzi Chenje, United Nations Environment Programme (tel. 1 (212) 963-8144). The report can be accessed at <www.unep.org/pdf/dtie/BilateralFinanceInstitutionsCC.pdf>.]

Panel discussion on "Building peace: Reconciliation through the power of education, the sciences, culture, and communication and information" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Friday, 11 March 2011, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Chris Ramos, UNESCO (e-mail c.ramos@unesco.org).]

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Tuesday, 15 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB);

Wednesday, 16 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB); and

Thursday, 17 March 2011, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. Registration is required and available at the following address: <www.unitar.org/event/new-york>. For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail info@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); or Mr. François Richard, UNITAR (e-mail francois.richard@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

UNITAR workshop on effective public speaking and presentations skills

Thursday, 31 March 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Friday, 1 April 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. Registration is required and available at the following address: <www.unitar.org/event/workshop-effective-public-speaking-and-presentation-skills>. For queries related to the fellowship and registration, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail info@unitarny.org/falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196). For queries related to the programme, please contact Mr. François Richard, UNITAR (e-mail francois.richard@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

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Introduction to United Nations documents

In French:
Tuesday, 8 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

In English:
Wednesday, 9 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; and
Wednesday, 16 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Security Council documentation

In French:
Thursday, 10 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

In English:
Thursday, 17 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet)

In French:

Tuesday, 15 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Official Document System (ODS)

In English:

Tuesday, 22 March 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in April 2011, in Conference Room D (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 26 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 26 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 27 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 27 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 28 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 28 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 2 March 2011

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty
Second session

5th meeting

Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms . . . . . [3]

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Hungary (on behalf of the European Union), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Algeria, Egypt, the United States, Norway, Trinidad and Tobago, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Netherlands, France, China, Israel, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, Costa Rica, Thailand, the Philippines, New Zealand and Argentina.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The Chair made a statement.

6th meeting — *Recommendations on the elements that would be needed to attain an effective and balanced legally binding instrument on the highest possible common international standards for the transfer of conventional arms* . . . . . [3]

The Chair made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Nicaragua, Malaysia, Canada, Burundi (on behalf of the East African Community), Spain, the Netherlands, Nigeria (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)), Burkina Faso, Zambia, Egypt, Chile, the Bahamas, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Chair made a statement.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-fifth session

13th meeting (closed) — *Communications concerning the status of women* . . . . . [4]

The Commission considered the item in closed session.

Commission on Sustainable Development
Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

5th meeting — *Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation* . . . . . [2]

(c) Waste management

Thematic discussion

An opening statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Algeria).

The representative of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, introduced the report of the Secretary-General under the sub-item.

Following a screening of a video presentation entitled "Transforming waste into electricity", presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Katharina Kummer Peiry, Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention; Mr. Magnus Bengtsson, Director of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Group, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; Mr. Luis Diaz, President, CalRecovery Inc.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which comments were made and questions were raised by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Federal States of Micronesia (on behalf of the Pacific small island developing States), Cape Verde (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), the United States, Canada, China, Chile, Cambodia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Armenia, South Africa, Barbados, Mexico, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Switzerland, Thailand, Japan, Brazil, Norway, India and Israel.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Union.

Statement were made by the representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following major groups: farmers; non-governmental organizations; and women.

6th meeting *Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation* . . . . . [2]

(d) Mining

Thematic discussion

An opening statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Australia).

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Gavin Hilson, Reader in Environment and Development, School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, University of Reading; and Mr. Roy Maconachie, Lecturer in International Development, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which comments were made and questions were raised by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Hungary (on behalf of the European Union), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Malawi (on behalf of the Intergovernmental Forum), Peru, Canada, Cuba, the United States, Indonesia, Algeria, France, Cambodia, Australia, Mexico, Norway, Thailand, China, Chile, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, South Africa, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Ethiopia.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following major groups: indigenous peoples; business and industry; scientific and technological communities; workers and trade unions; women; and children and youth.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Seychelles (1 March 2011)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

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[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Nagoya, 15 October 2010)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol was adopted on 15 October 2010 at Nagoya, Japan, during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. In accordance with its article 17, the Supplementary Protocol will be opened for signature by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 7 March 2011 until 6 March 2012.

The opening for signature ceremony of the Supplementary Protocol will take place on Monday, 7 March 2011, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room NL-2063 (NLB).

Certified true copies of the Supplementary Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, have been prepared and are available for pick-up at the United Nations Secretariat Room NL-300 (Third Basement). They can also be found on the Treaty Section's Web site <treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/2010/11/20101127%2002-08%20PM/Ch-XXVII-8-b.pdf>.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Supplementary Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, 380 Madison Avenue, New York (e-mail damas@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

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The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2011* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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H.E. Mr. Milan Jaya Nyamrajsingh Meetarbhan

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H.E. Mr. Hamid Al Bayati

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H.E. Mr. Normans Penke

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